# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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TELECOM FACILITIES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
VISHNU DATT

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of ISD/STD/PCOs functioning at present in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of applications lying pending for the installation of said booths in the State, district-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor and the time by which these applications are likely to be processed and approved in the State particularly in Jammu District;

(d) whether the Government propose to improve the telecommunication facilities in the State; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SH.TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) At present 2062 PCOs are functioning in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) At present 7401 applications are pending for allotment of PCO booths. The Telecom Distt wise break-up is as under:-

| Name of the Telecom Distt. | Applications Pending |
|---|---|
| Jammu | 5488 |
| Rajouri | 452 |
| Leh | 92 |
| Srinagar | 748 |
| Udhampur | 621 |

(c) The applications are pending due to various reasons such as want of spare capacity in the exchange, non feasibility of the area, non availability of, Court cases, etc. The pending applications are to be cleared progressively in all the Telecom Distts. including Jammu subject to technical feasibility and the applicants fulfilling other conditions.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) To improve telecom facilities, electronic telephone exchanges have been provided in the whole state. Reliable media on optical fiber cable and engine alternators have been provided in the exchanges to meet the power crisis.